GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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COAL PURCHASED BY NTPC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the grade of coal being used by NTPC and other thermal power plants in the country;

(b) the grade and quantity of coal being purchased by NTPC Kahalgaon, Bihar each year;

(c) whether the use of low grade coal puts an adverse effect on power generation in NTPC unit at Kahalgaon;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to procure high grade coal; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to supply coal of high grade?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : The grade of coal largely being used by National Thermal Power Corporation(NTPC) and other Thermal Power Stations are generally `C`, `D`, `E` and `F` grade coal.

(b) : NTPC Kahalgaon is generally receiving coal from its linked mine Rajmahal ofEastern Coalfields Ltd., which is generally of `F` grade. Occasionally shortfall from Rajmahal is supplemented by coal supplies from Asansol/Rani Ganj area of EasternCoalfields Ltd. The grade of Asansol/Rani Ganj area coal is generally `B`, `C`, `D` &`E`. Quantity of coal received by Kahalgaon, STPP during the last 3 years is as below :

Year	Qty. received from Rajmahal	Qty. received from Asansol	Total coal received
1998-99	3.364 MT	0.046 MT	3.410 MT
1999-2000	3.260 MT	0.230 MT	3.490 MT
2000-2001	3.930 MT	0.390 MT	4.320 MT

(c) : So long as the quality of coal supplied is within the range of requisite parameters there are no adverse effect on power generation.

(d) & (e) : The new power stations in the country are generally designed to utilize low grade coal largely available in the country. There is no proposal at present for the supply of high grade coal.